NOTES FOR SPEAKERS

The schedule at this USENIX is the tightest schedule we have ever had. Therefore, your understanding is requested as we try to deal with the many problems that are bound to arise. Time shortages will be our worst enemy. Therefore, the following points should be observed:

1) You will only get your appointed amount of time if everyone before you is careful about their time limits. So, be considerate! When your time is up, wrap up, and ask interested parties to contact you in the hall. That way, the folks scheduled to speak after you won't take out a contract on you.

2) If you are scheduled to speak immediately after lunch or a coffee break, be on hand! Don't run off to Chinatown at 11:30 if you're supposed to be on the podium at 13:00. It makes a much better impression if you're on the podium when your session starts. It's also much less nerve-wracking for the session chairman.

3) A timer has been placed on the podium to help you with your time management. It is specially designed for timing talks, and can be a big help if you observe it. It has several signals, one for wrap-up and one for an absolute limit. It is the charter of the session chairman to set this timer before every talk, AND TO ENFORCE IT!

When UNIX meetings first started, years before USENIX, they consisted of forty or fifty hackers in a school classroom. Those days, it seems, are gone forever. UNIX means money, fame, power, recognition... Remember that the best impression you can give on the podium is one of being knowledgeable, friendly, and well-organized. Running far over your time limit not only makes the other speakers mad, it irritates the audience.

We have provided an audio-visual assistant for at least the first day of the conference, in case of "infant mortality" in the equipment. As this is written, it is not certain that he will be there for the entire conference. In any event, it would be wise to plan to handle your own A/V manipulation. We will provide a remote cord for the slide selector at the podium, and you may either operate the overhead projector yourself, or have an assistant do it.

EVERYONE should lead off with a viewgraph, even hand-drawn, that shows their name, affiliation, and address.

Session chairmen should make an effort to see me personally before their sessions. If any of you have any problems, find me and I'll be glad to help.

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